

SALAD DAYS



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Fresh and tender,
your face is a little red,
your heart is palpitating
from the effects of love.
Anyone can relate to this,
these are "SALAD DAYS".
The stage of love has plays
performed all year round,
may it be Valentine's Day
or graduation ceremony!
Love stories about budding
new feelings. Thanks for
the increasing support.
And now, the 5th volume.



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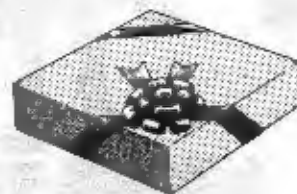
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Note: The original kanji for 'Yoshi' was the word for 'luck'. Apparently the original furigana in the Japanese manga reads the name as 'Miyuki' (as in the same as YUA's Kobayakawa) but I took the liberty of changing it to Yoshi, another reading for the same kanji, to make it sound more masculine... Oh, alright, I could change it but it'd be just too hard and time consuming and this info came to me long after I've finished doing this chapter. Besides, I really do like 'Yoshi' better.



* Read bubbles from right to left

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■ 猪熊忍 ■
Inokuma Shinobu

Kon-
nichi-
wa~

I-i-i-i-
rashai-
masen!

So
that's
why
...

Ah-
ha!

Y-you
want the
same flower
for today?

Hai!

You'll
scare all
the customers
away if you
stay here

Can't you do
something
about that
annoying
face of
yours?

You're
not fit to
be a flower
store clerk
with that
mug of
yours!

Really...
your appea-
rance and
your atti-
tude don't
match

Stop
crying!
That's
really
uncute!

Oneechan,
you're so
cruel! How
could you
say that to
your 16yr
old brother?

Very
strange
to me
...

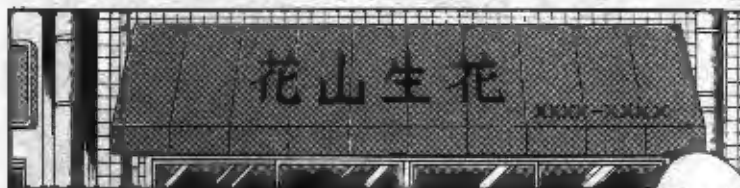
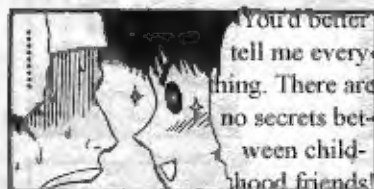
But you've
been here
everyday
lately...
Because you
are shy and
you normally
wouldn't show
your face in
the store

But...
you've
been act-
ing strange
lately

Uh,
ano
...

What?
No...

H-
huh? No
...



Actually, if we explain it as her coming because of Yoshi-kun, it'd make perfect sense...

Un.

Don't you think that's a little strange?

She comes every day ...

Yeah, and always just a single

That girl has been buying sunflowers, right?

It might just be that she's doing it for you, Yoshi-kun

Yeah... She's been coming everyday recently

Does she come by often?

Yeah impossible

Why you...

That can't be possible

Whoa... everyday?

No, I don't ...

You know what a sunflower means in flower language?

It's really impossible

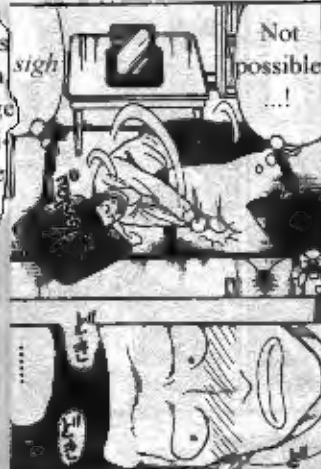
With this appearance ...

"I've always been watching you"

Have faith in yourself!

Don't talk like that!





Discussion Room

談話室



*sign - North Oozumi Library





Hm?

Uhm...
can I
ask you
some-
thing?



Why do
you buy
sunflowers
every-
day?

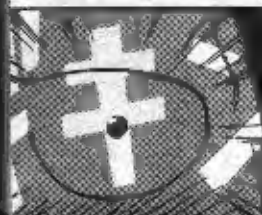
Uhm...
Why do
you...
every
day...



Yoshi
-kun
...



Do you
know what
the sunflower
means in the
flower
language?



Yoshi
-kun,
likes
reading
right?



Hu!

Hana-
yama
Yoshi-
-kun

I know
your
name
though



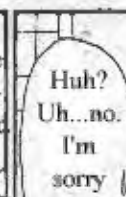
And you
have such a
recogni-
zable
face

So,
naturally,
I came
to remem-
ber it

You come
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borrow
books
everyday



I feel
a little
disap-
pointed



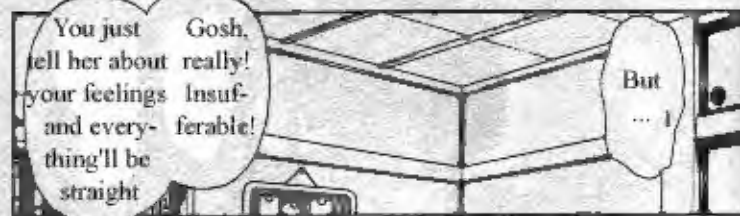
Huh?
Uh...no.
I'm
sorry

You
really
didn't
know I
worked
here?

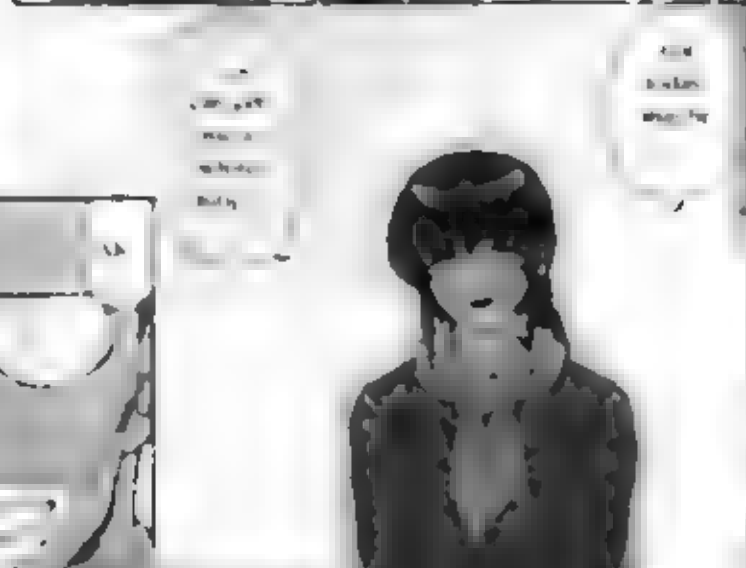
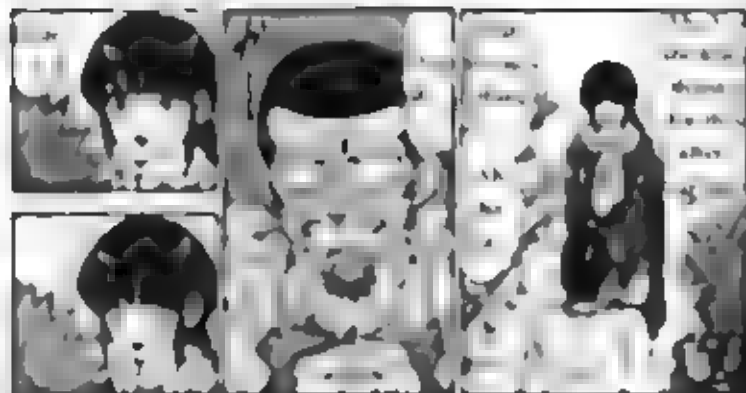


'cuz
I've
always
been
watching
you...





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Why a
white
tulip?

Hand
out to
Ami

A white
tulip in
flower
language

Is
"lost love"
was she
dumped?

Ami-san

Who's
love did
you lose?



PROFILE

猪熊 忍

INOKUMA Shinobu

This time's collection of works.
is staged on the 3rd school term
It is commonly recognized
as the season for "partings"
If you look back at this volume,
the female reads are off crying
somewhere I apologize to you
readers, if I made you cry
Whether the experience you had
from this season was good or bad,
I hope you can look at it positively
Yoshu, the male read from Part 1-2,
is someone I'd like to draw again
Hopefully he'd be successful at love
next time but then again, I might
want to tease him a little more "



我所迷戀 的三月

MY FAVORITE GIRLS

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I think
she's a girl that can very fittingly
described as a "very cute" character
In the movie "The Wedding Singer"
I met Drew Barrymore
Her smile deeply inspiring. it makes
people unconsciously smile as well
Oh, something funny,
I only realized recently that she
was the little girl in the movie "E.T."
From her child star beginnings to
present day the ups and downs of
her life were pretty trying
But despite that she manages to
present such an appealing and
happy attitude on screen.
To this
I can't help but sympathize with her,
and be very grateful

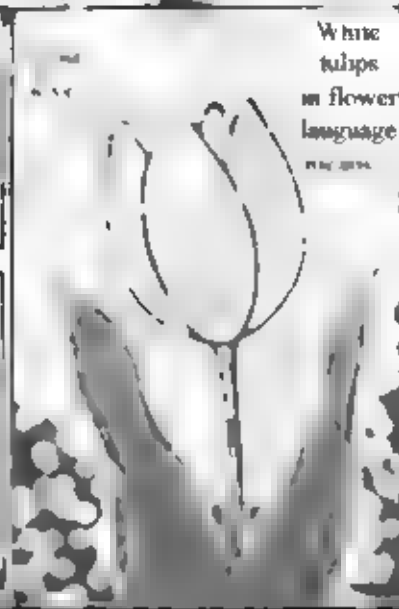
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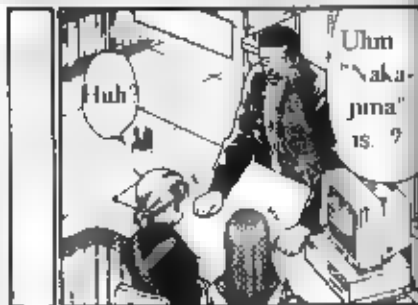
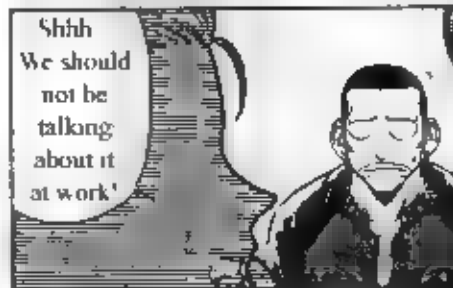
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Yoshi-kun's Love (2/2)





Huh?



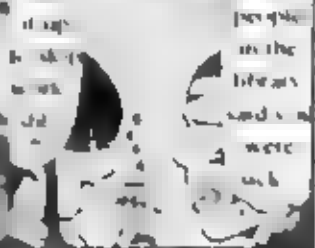
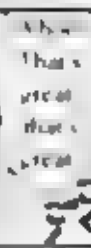
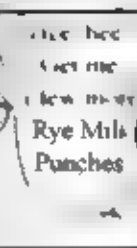
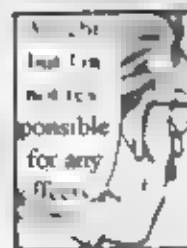
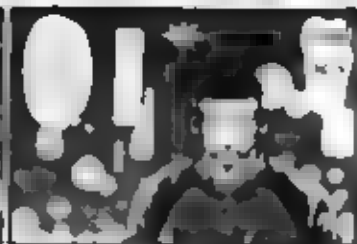
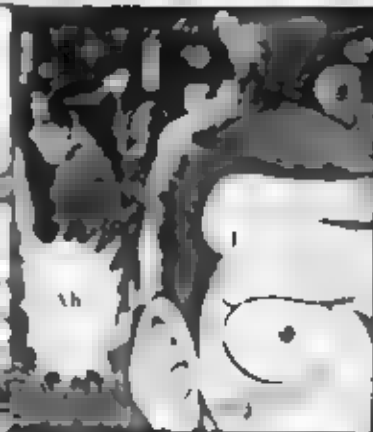
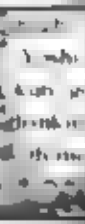
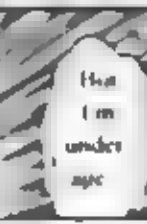
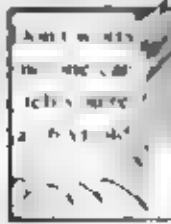
PART 2

Yoshi-kun's Love (2/2)





1. **Introduction**
 2. **Background**
 3. **Methodology**
 4. **Results**
 5. **Conclusion**
 6. **References**



I want
to forget
that name
that's
why I'm
out here
drinking

How is
it that
you know
that name?



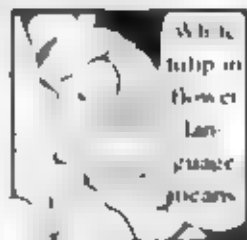
I like
cars
is not
thing.

I don't
shop
is not
thing.



What
ch. You
feeling
warm

Delicious
delicious
So this is
late latte



White
tulip in
flower
lan-
guage
dreams



I
love



I'm sorry I
found it out
at the library
because I was
concerned



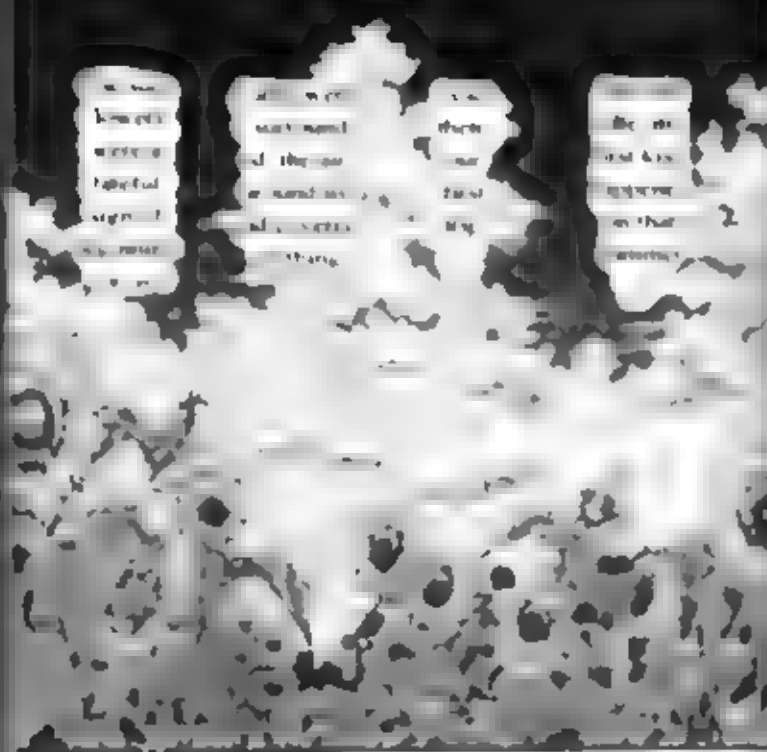
I want
love is
nothing

Nakajima
Takashi is
nothing



Wine
is
nothing

Under
age is
nothing



the sun
lowers
water
faded
signs of
a summer

all the way
outward
of the sun
at night
at night
at night

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water
faded
signs of
a summer

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water
faded
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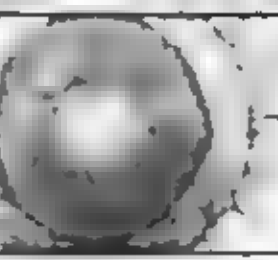
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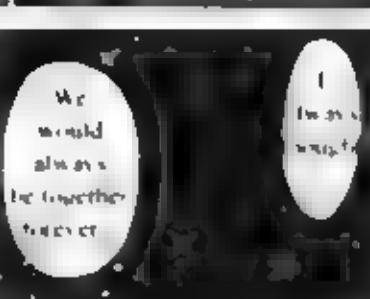
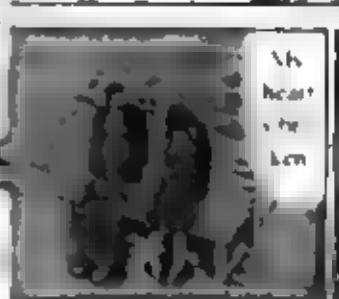
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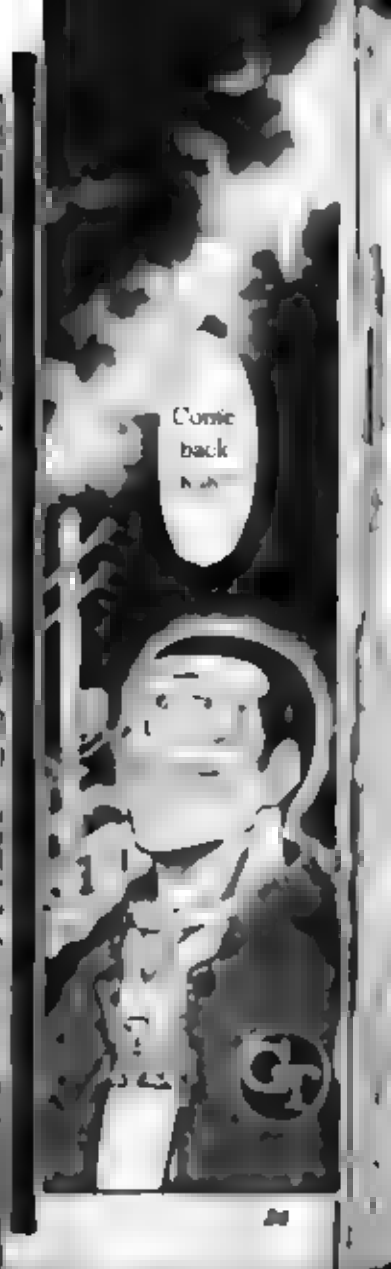
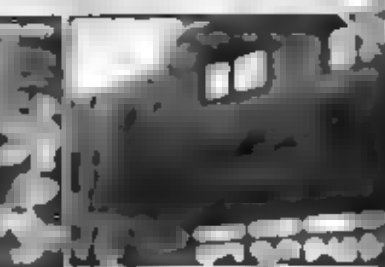
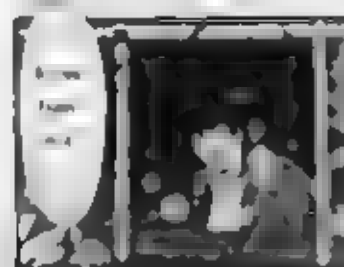
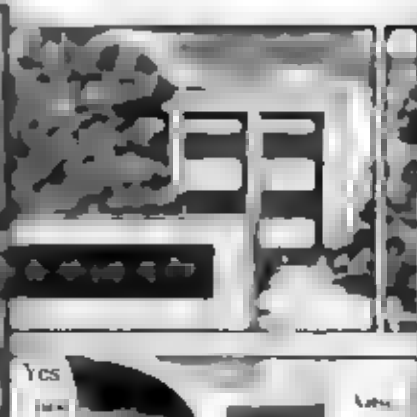


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water
faded
signs of
a summer

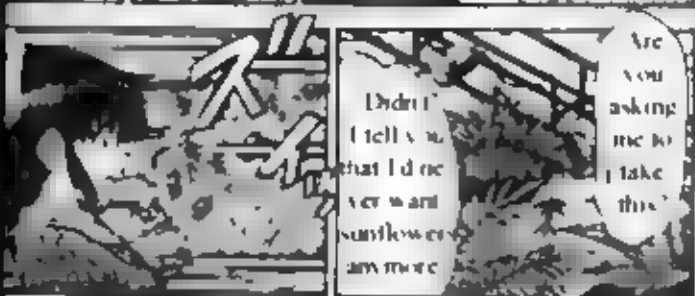
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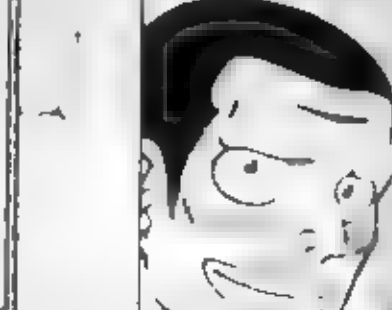
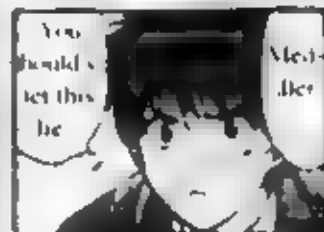


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Huh?





Because
here, you'll
be able to
start over
no matter
how many
times

Locates
here

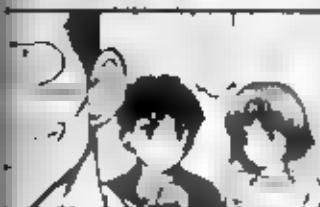
花山生花

don't
feel sad
at all
about
this

That's
what
I think
anyway

She has
rejected is
better than
knowing my
happiness came
from her

SUNFLOWER



were a
fateful
kind of
beginning
for us

The
sunflowers



If for some reason
you feel a
weakening bond
or you get into a
tight place
please
think of me
You're always
welcome here

So the whole
year is the
season of the
sunflower

We here have
sunflowers
blooming all
four seasons



The
senders
were

I received
a letter

Time
passed
In August of
1999

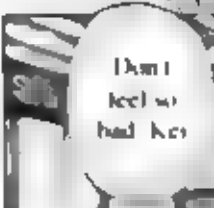
花山生花
1999年8月
花山生花



PART 3

Uniform (1 2)

 Recommendation of choice is recommended	First choice I wish High probability is 10		about the results for the last practice test before entrance exams has been out
--	---	---	--

 Don't feel so bad yet		I never thought my chances were this bad
--	---	---

 There's still a month to go till the real thing It's just a practice test anyway had to be	 I'm
--	--



She
appeared
before
my eyes

(Oh!
Excuse
me

PART 3

Uniform (1/2)

Don't
know
why,
but I
want

But I
really
want to
go to
Iouka

It's not like
Iouka is the
only high
school here
mon drink
it up

I'm

Besides
the one you
got a "D" for
is just your
first choice
school

Same
here

Osaka
High

Ah
Kounan
High
a "B"

What
were
your
results
then?

And
it
was
then

I'm the
only one
who got
a "D"

We used
to play
together
a lot in
huckle
garden



It's me
Nie
the sad one
& happy



him
take a
where

It's me
I'm happy
I don't
have a
get there

This is
perfect
You can
take me
there

I
can
see
you
are



I never
expected
to meet
you here



Oh

Yes, than
You're
better than
right



Because of work my dad lives in LA

I plan to take up high school in Japan

But I didn't have any relatives in Tokyo

I didn't know what to do so I talked to Auntie



But her
health
wasn't
too good



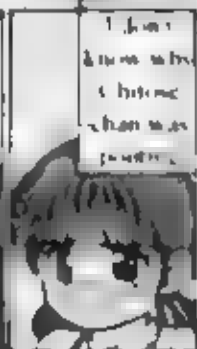
Chitose's mom
was very beautiful
and gentle-mannered



Hmm
Loulou
ah



Or why
auntie was
reassuring
her



I don't
know why
Chitose
was so sad



Last
time
that
was
her

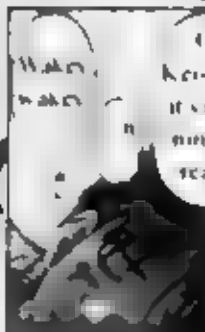


But
Chitose
had
moved
away

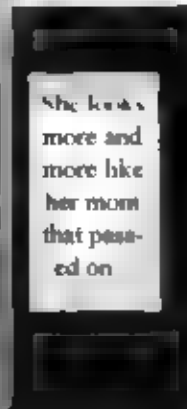
After that
auntie
passed on
half a yr
later



Chu



When
Chitose
was
born
it was
a very
big
event



She looks
more and
more like
her mom
that passed
on



Chitose
really
turned
very
pretty

Heh



On getting
an entrance
forms and taking
a peek at
the school
round



Kei chan
after school
today, can
you accom-
pany me for
a while?



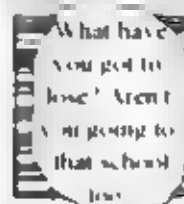
WA
AH
AH
HH



Real-
izing
that I
wake
a guy



!?!
Shavo
Kei
chan



What have
you got to
lose? Aren't
you going to
that school
too?



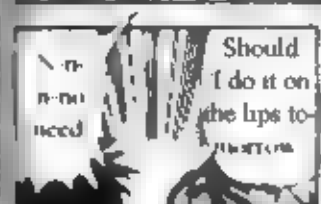
Some-
of a busi-
ness



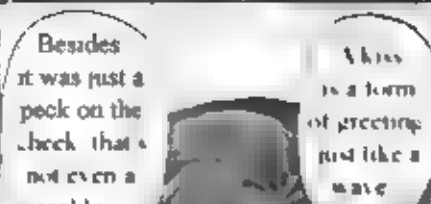
Hidden
Why



No
way
You go
by your
self



Should
I do it on
the lips to-
morrow



Besides
it was just a
peck on the
cheek that's
not even a
real kiss



Oh
Chotto-
matte



So it's
settled
then. I'll
pick you
up after
school



She's
really
been
time
than



She looks
like auntie
on the out-
side but
not on the
inside

Ha

Because
I don't
plan on
taking the
Fouka test
anymore

Why should
I enter a
school I have
no chance at
entering?

It is
the prac-
tice test
I need to
pass

Why

at
school

The school
made me
the only
person at school

I am
a mouth
away from
being in the
army, but
I don't
want

but
the exam
is still a
mouth
away

What
are you
looking
at?

uh

then
What about
not practicing
What do you
do

uh

It is that
only one
Fouka
only there
have the
gas tank

Let's
work on it
together
Ker chan

Let's
steal it we
could do it
the Fouka
and then we
get her

in
trouble if
not from
white

"Un-
Verv
pretty."

"Ooo
Pretty
Isn't it
Ker-
chan?"

"This is
Touka
High
school's
new uni-
form."

"I saw
Kaschan
what's
this."



"Haha
sometime
I hitose-
chan."



"Hu-
hu."

"Now 'U
it's a little too
big for you
Hitose-chan."

"Kaschan
I want to
wear the
girl's uni-
form."



"And
then
study
real
hard."



"But
I you
row
up
quick."

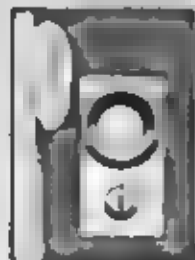


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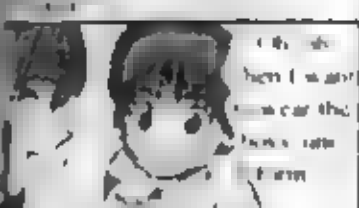


"You still
remember
right? My
mom was
a fashion
designer."

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Chitose



"A student of Touka High"

"You can be a student of Touka High"

mean, here's my new dress! I'm really happy!

You haven't forgotten it, have you? And I came back to Japan, didn't I?

I'm not wearing them anymore. I'll perform. I'll be a star!



Hot!



Hey Chitose-chan!

But only a bigger idiot would give up before even trying!

Why an idiot would try for a while and then know he's not a star!

She's locked herself in the same room as the idiot!



Pre-emptive



I'm
going
to try
for it
again.
Fouka



And
then

Work
hard and
then work
some more

With the
remaining
month. I
will work
to the very
end

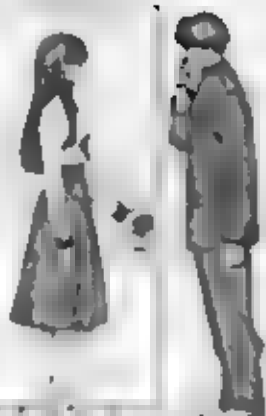
That's right
nothing
will come
out if I
don't try

Chitose
-chan



I will
fulfill
my pro-
mise to
auntie

"Chitose
 I have a pro-
 posal to
 try out of
 my own
 school."



PART 4
Uniform (2/2)



1 Year
 month
 after
 then

I will
 fulfill
 my pro-
 mise to
 AUMIC

passed
Iouka
High



I
Kir-
hota
Kei

I'm to
see her
off. She
is going
back to
the U.S.



Right
now
I'm at
Santa
Airport

PART4

Uniform (2/2)

Failed



Chi-
sa-
kaw
Chi-
tose



I'd
you get
your
boarding
pass

Un-
Its
done



Ah
arigato
Kei-
chan

Chi-
tose
chan

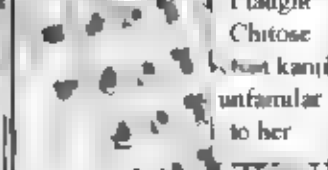
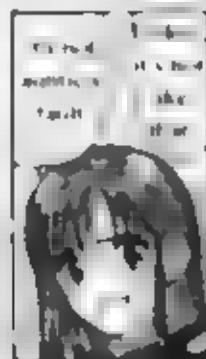


But, who
would've
thought
of these
turn of
events



Yester-
day the
Iouka
results
were re-
leased

SALAD DAYS



the day
before
the exam
has a
form

in the
month
we were
preparing
for the
exam

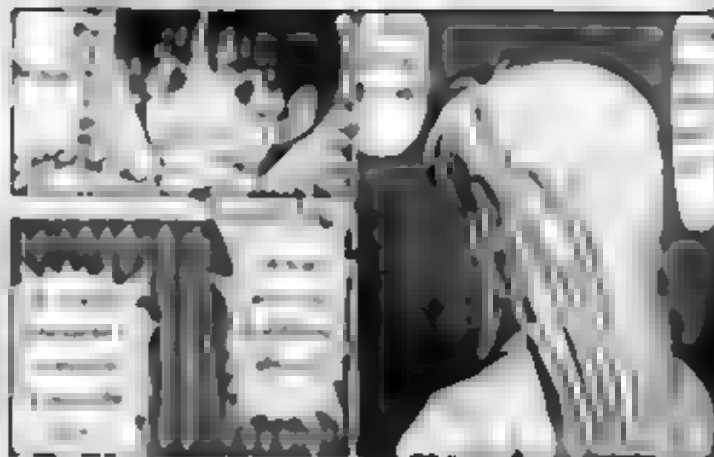
It seems
each other
and exper-
ally not
all our
problems

I taught
Chitose
but kan-
unfamiliar
to her

And
Chitose-
chan
was the

right
things
should
going
well

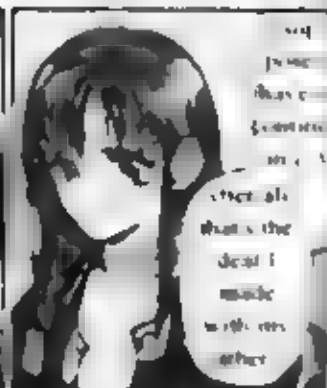
the
month
we were
preparing
for the
exam



I know. Wasn't it a
the same reason for
being a taking the
Paralytic I make
a mistake every
time.

KG

is that
no



over all
that's the
deal I
made
with my
other



that
asked
her

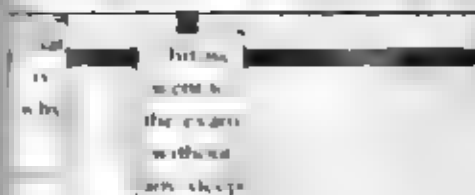


asked
the
one
return
straight to

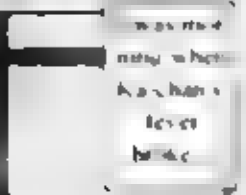


I want
every
thing
I can

been
even
happy
that past
moment
Aren't
Aren't



but she
won't
the exam
without
any sleep



was that
nothing when
Aren't
level
bridge



What
eyes



What
are you
going
to do

KG

What
are you
going
to do

But even
then deep
in my heart
is still
what I
wanted
Touka

But I
didn't
know
why

And I tell you
in my final
practice test
I got a D

Um

It
had
to be

I think it's
because
deep inside
I still
remember
that promise
I made to
SUNIK

Were your
feelings
for Touka so
shallow that
you plan on
giving up
already?

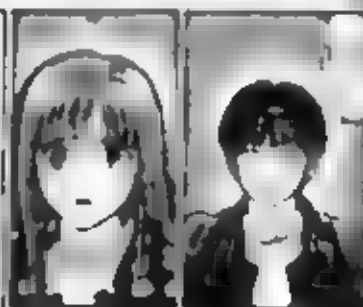
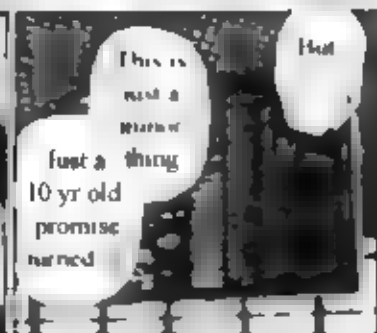
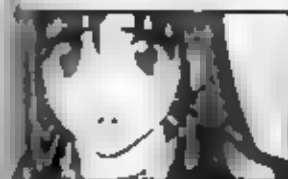
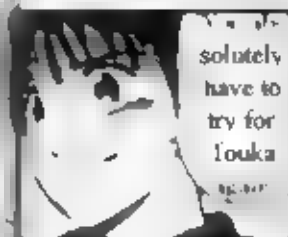
No it
was
only
this shallow

If that was
it then you
should never
have come
here in the
first place!

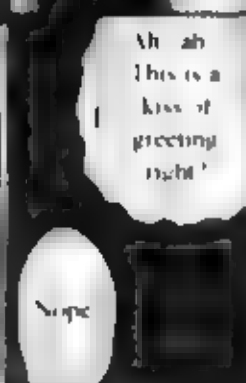
Your feel-
ings should be
much stronger
Don't give up
so easily
huhne-chun

cle-
ver if I
was
like
that

And show
her our
Touka
uniforms
together



SALAD DAYS



is
little
rent

this
kiss

Ah ah
This is a
kiss of
greeting
night!

Nope

sound newing



a ne
ker
chan



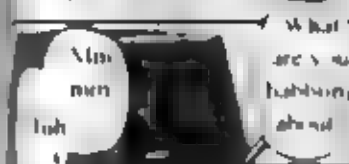
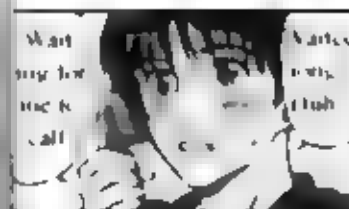
Passen
gers for
Califor
nia

Passengers
for California
please begin
boarding now





You
made it
C hime
chan



Wearing
the Touka

uniform

Let's go
together,
Chinatsu-chan!

Let's go
together in
the spring



sakura petals
against the
uniform's
blue white
surely look

SALAD DAYS



We
are
good
pals
right?

No

Puh-
leeze
Fukawa

Feb-
ruary
12
Fukawa
High

When some
thing goes
wrong in the
relationship
I get affected
by it too

That's
why! I
don't like
being the
go-between
match-
maker

PART 5

Valentine's Invitation (1/2)

That
girl
right
there

Well
who do
I give
it to?

All you
need to
do is give
this letter
to her

Prety
please

So
you
agree

Don't
blame
me lat-
ter

Re-
al-
ly



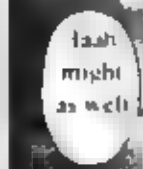
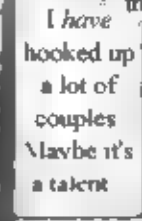
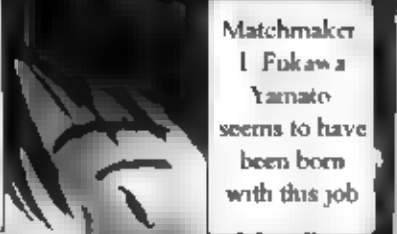
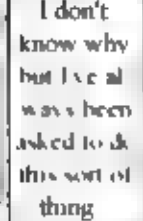
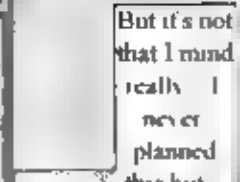
PART 5

Valentine's Invitation (1/2)

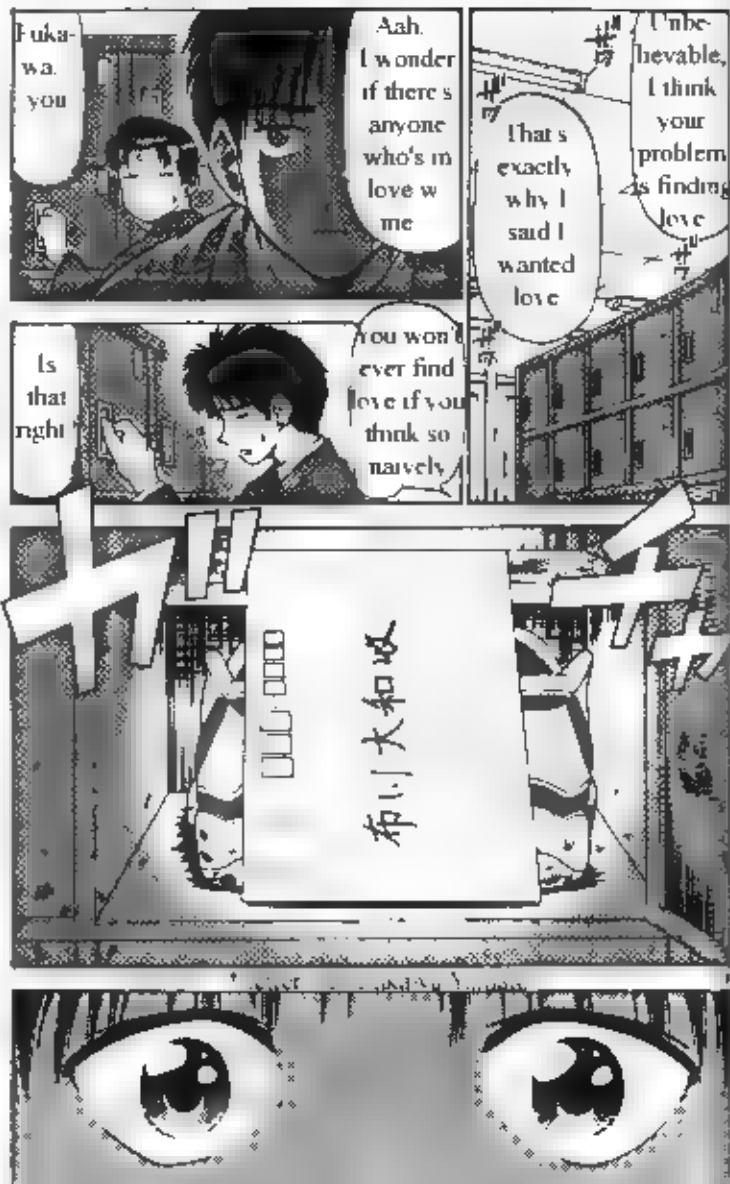
When is my turn
to fall in love. ?

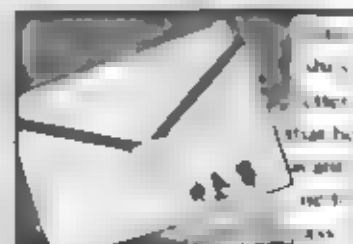
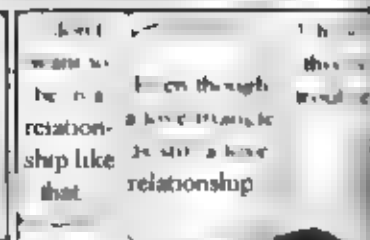
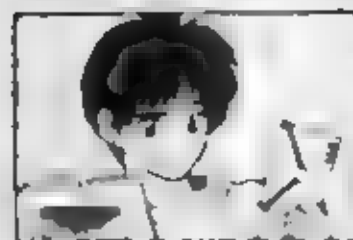


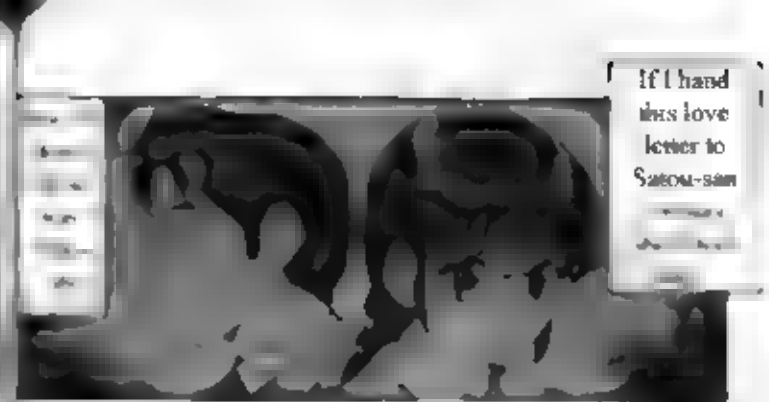
2nd year
section
Satoru
Mao



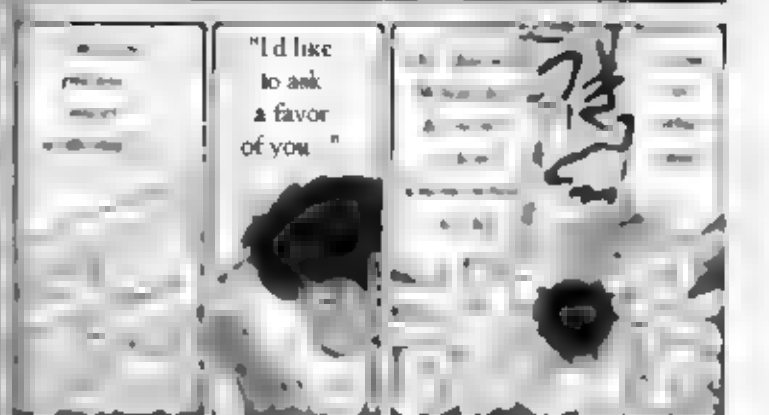
SALAD DAYS







If I hand
this love
letter to
Saeom-san



"I'd like
to ask
a favor
of you."



he
waiting
by the
clock
in Yazu
park."

"2PM, the
day after
tomorrow,
which is
Sunday."

Now's
not the
time to
compliment
her

I was going
to say
That's exactly
why I got
surprised
for I didn't

You look
totally
different
in school

You
surprised
me

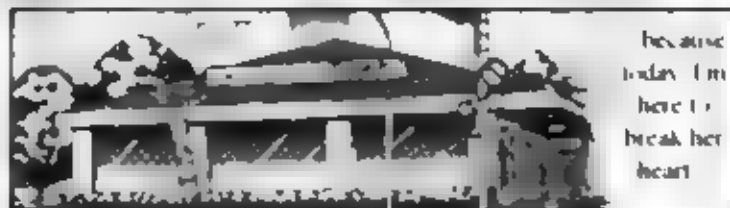
I hum
Shall we
go get
something
to eat
then

No
not
yet

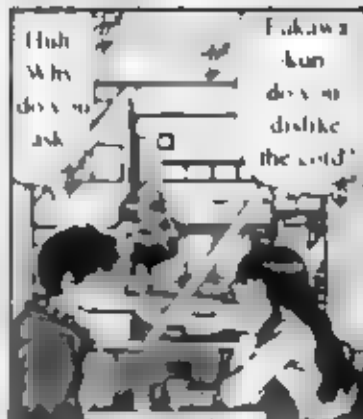
I hum
Fukawa
kun have
you had
much yet

I just took
off my
glasses
and untied
my braids

Huh
Really

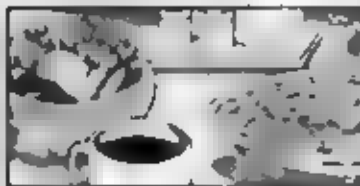


because
today I'm
here to
break her
heart



Huh
Why
does he
ask

Fukawa
kun
does he
dislike
the world



Huh
wrong
person



I'm so
happy
you real
is same



Fu
kawa
kun

Actually
I'm not
too sure
myself
really

I like
Takawa
-kun be-
cause

Min
men

Well

he
is
a
pushy
and
out

he
is
a
pushy
and
out

There
is
a
cat
that

Oh
right

Your
hands
are
in
your
pockets

Well, you
didn't take
off your
jacket
and

I just
liked you
from the
moment I
saw you

And I
couldn't
help but
fall in

Well it
felt like a
trapdoor
inside
me just
opened

There's
no good
time to
do it

Even if
that's
true

Heard
it says
doesn't
it

But it's
good that
you dis-
like the
cold. I've
been a little

What is it
that you
like about
me?

I don't
well

And
Can I
ask you
some
thing?

SALAD DAYS



It'd be even
harder for me
to give her
a Valentine's



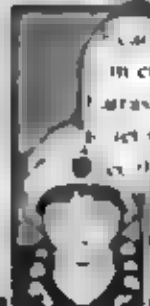
This is
a state
because
today is
Valentine's
day



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ろ
ろ



You
don't
sweat it
didn't
make it
myself
anything



in em
arrows
let's
ex th

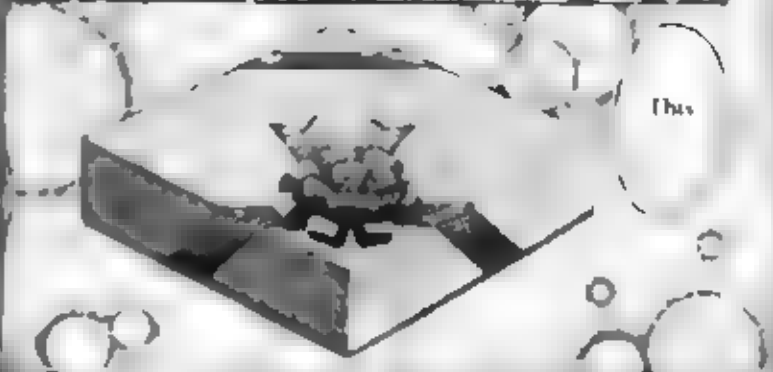
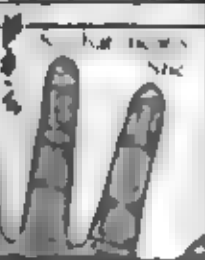
has hap
pened
while I
was pre
paring
because
I'm not too
used to
writing



Please
accept
it
It's just one
of the shoc
aps I just
wrote the
school
embellish
with it



I'm
in trouble



This



I wouldn't
mind if
we became
best friend
and girlfriend

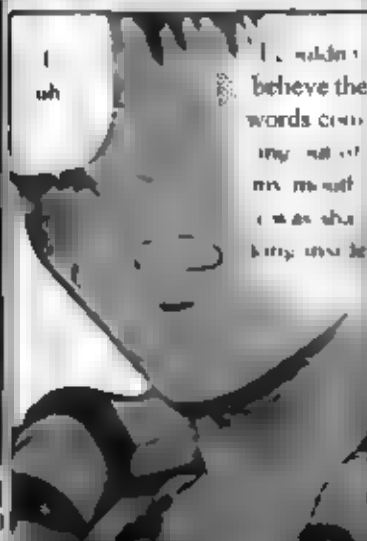


Uh



Thank you
for what
you said
and
helped me

that
time



Uh

I wouldn't
believe the
words coming
out of
my mouth
I was about
to say that

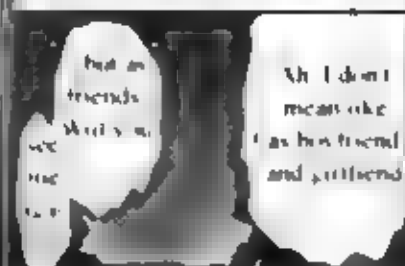


Thank you
for today
It was kind
of you to
walk me
to my



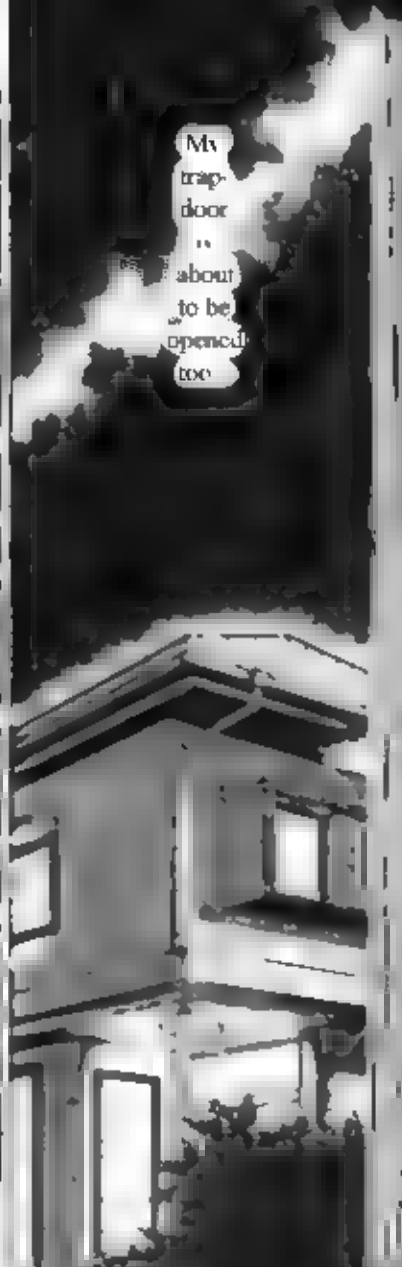
Are
you
happy
to see
me
again

Again



but as
friends
Well yes
we
are
to be

Oh I don't
mean like
a best friend
and girlfriend



My
trap-
door
is
about
to be
opened
too

SALAD DAYS



Something inside

I see

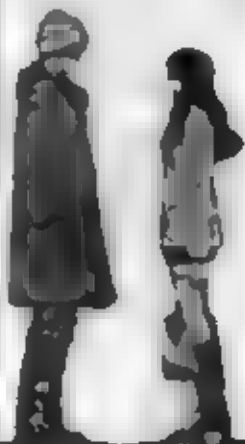
made a feeling

around

And then

the moment

we are not





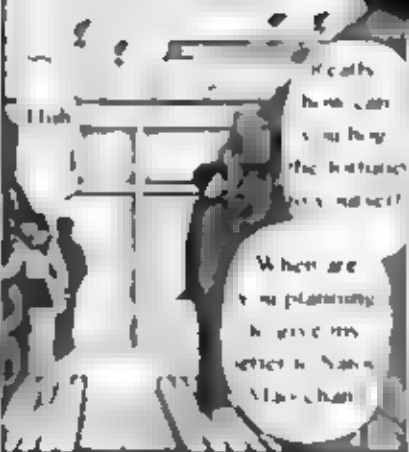
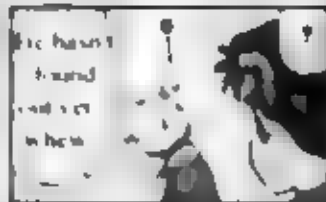
PART 6

Valentine's Invitation

(2/2)



SALAD DAYS



Heath
how can
you help
the Institute
on a subject?

When are
you planning
to give my
letter to Nabe
Alas, Chan?

Oh I know a
Hey, that
tongue looks
great

Oh this
this
was
given
to me

Where
is my letter
it

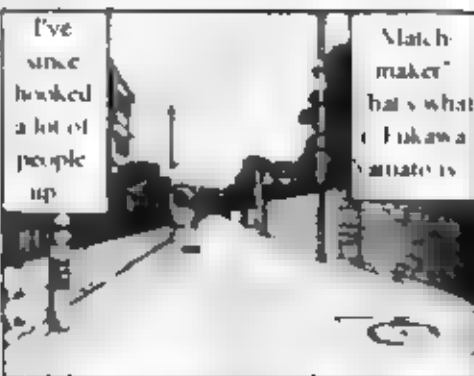
You
Heard
it
before

I saw it
I don't wonder
how it
you made it
together

Could I
be from
that girl
with the
big nose
hair



But



I've since hooked a lot of people up

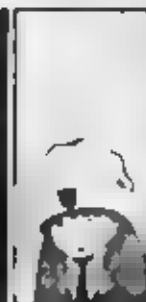
Match-maker" that's what Fukawa wants to be

What's even more amazing though is that we're actually dating



I never imagined that the girl I was to match up with the guy would confess to me... never saw this see

Right now I'm in a love triangle relationship



That guy is my best friend Sakaguchi Hiroshi



And I could end the flame



I'm

Ah That looks

Fukawa-kun



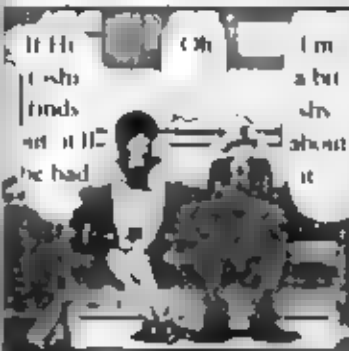
is none other than Sakaguchi Hiroshi

I'm so happy You even wore it to school



Hmm

But Fukawa



If Hiroshi finds out it'll be bad

Oh

I'm a bit shy about it

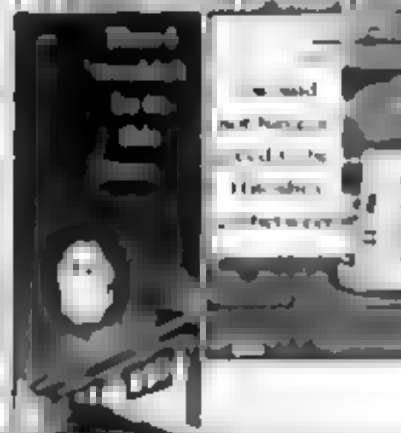


Well uh... ohh



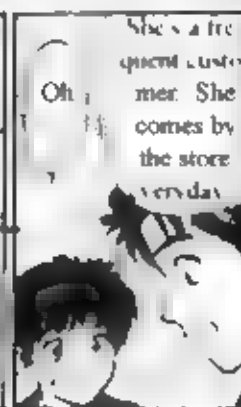
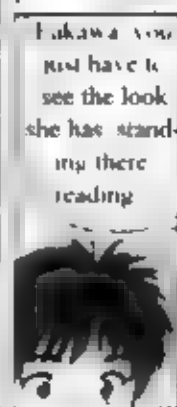
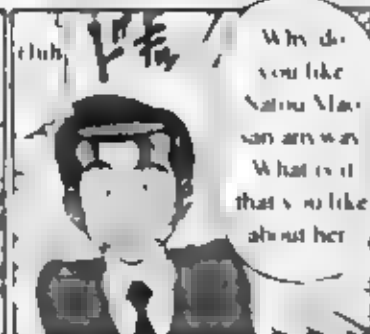
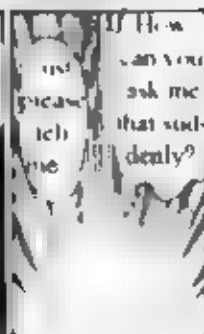
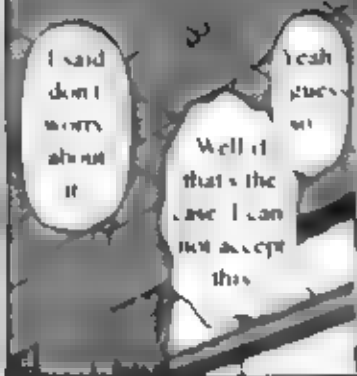
us to meet outside of school

Why did you want



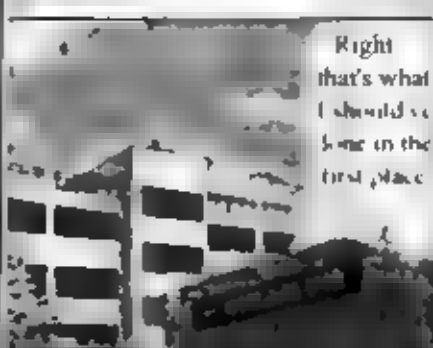
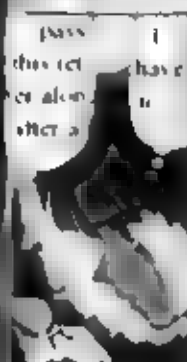
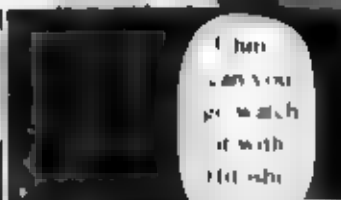
Just reading
and reading
Her smile
makes me
want to
smile too.
It's really
great.

Anyway,
it's a
really
appealing
sort of
look.



*sign - Nakajima's
Japanese Bookstore

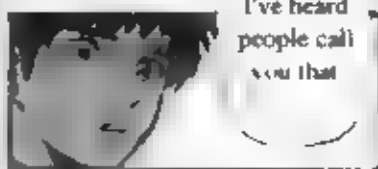
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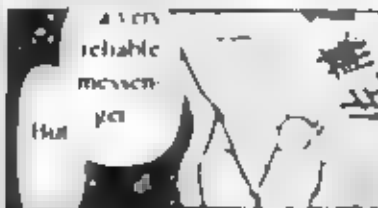
Starts
breaks



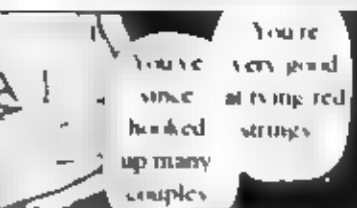
I've heard
people call
you that



You
sure
look all
of your
friends
best in-
terests



A very
reliable
messen-
ger
that



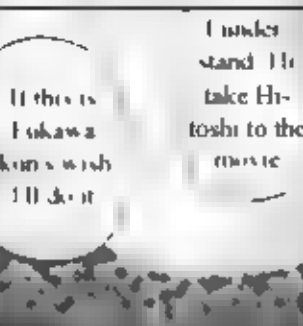
You're
very good
at tying red
strings
since
hooked
up many
couples



I hope
so it
sensu-
live



Boys
will be
boys



If this is
Fukawa
kun's wish
I'll do it

I under-
stand. He
take Hi-
toshi to the
movie



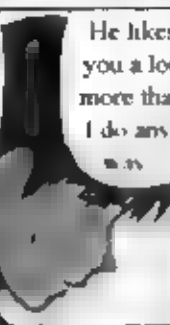
This is
a love
letter
of mine



This



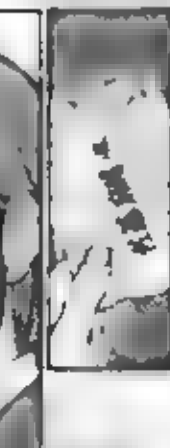
Satou-san
I'm sure
you'll like
him back



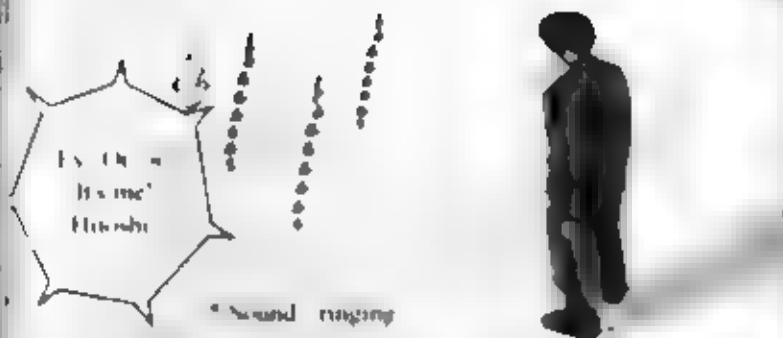
He likes
you a lot
more than
I do any
way



He is a
good
person



Please
take him
to see the
movie
with you



Sound ringing



Matchmaker





Hi-
toshi
kun

Please
look at
me



Ah

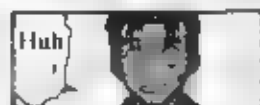


honto
matte

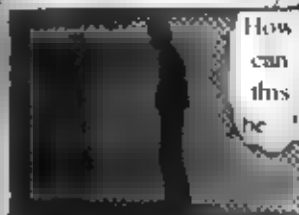


Not
real-
ly

Sorry
you
been
waiting
long



Huh



How
can
this
be



Next
day
at Sh-
buya



Ah



Satou
san



Satou
Mao-san's
pain hurts
even more
than that

It's
a
pain

That
it

He
told

• Sign
Fukawa

布川

But

It
hurts
me
too

Hey
What's up
It was
the date

Sacrificing
our own true
feelings just
to fulfil a
promise to
a friend

Stupid
Even if
you're the
go-between
you should
use your
judgement

I heard it
from her
the events
that happened
to me

the
final
choice
is hers

still

But even
though you
successfully
set me up
with Mao
chan.

Who

!?

SALAD DAYS■

But
my own
experiences
of love are
green.



And
I hurt
myself



I hurt
my
love
I hurt
my
friend.



I
can
let
take
the
nap

But



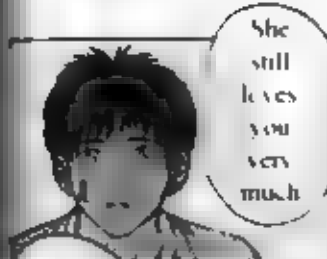
I've almost
lost a
lot of
people up
there.

八頭公園

even
after that
awful
thing that
you did



She
still
loves
you
very
much



!?



She
chose
you

Go



Waiting
for you
to go to
her



She's
waiting
for you
at Yazu
Park



huh

Let a
minute
out



Go!
Fukawa!



A
n
d

I now
under-
stand the
happi-
ness of
reunion

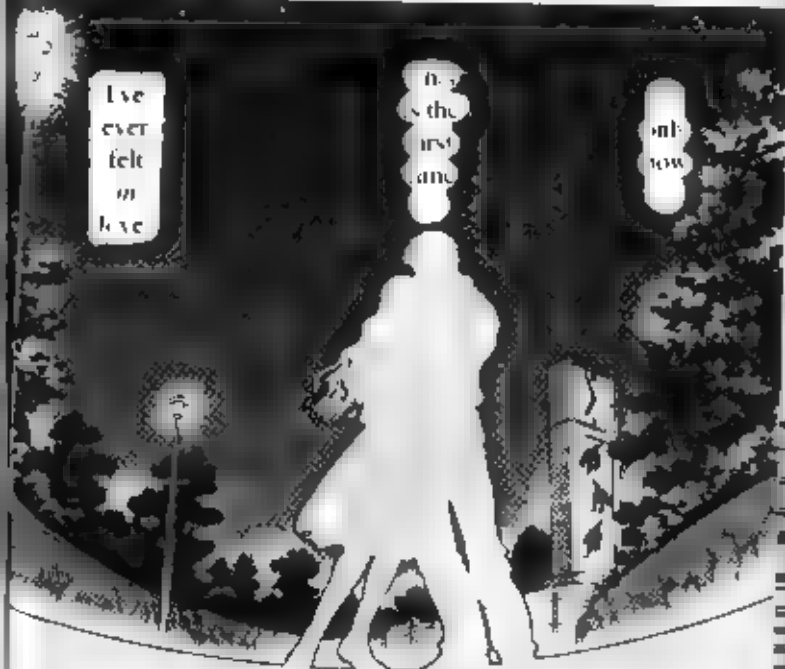
Within the
pain I
noticed
love for
the first
time



I've
ever
felt
in
love

It's
the
first
time

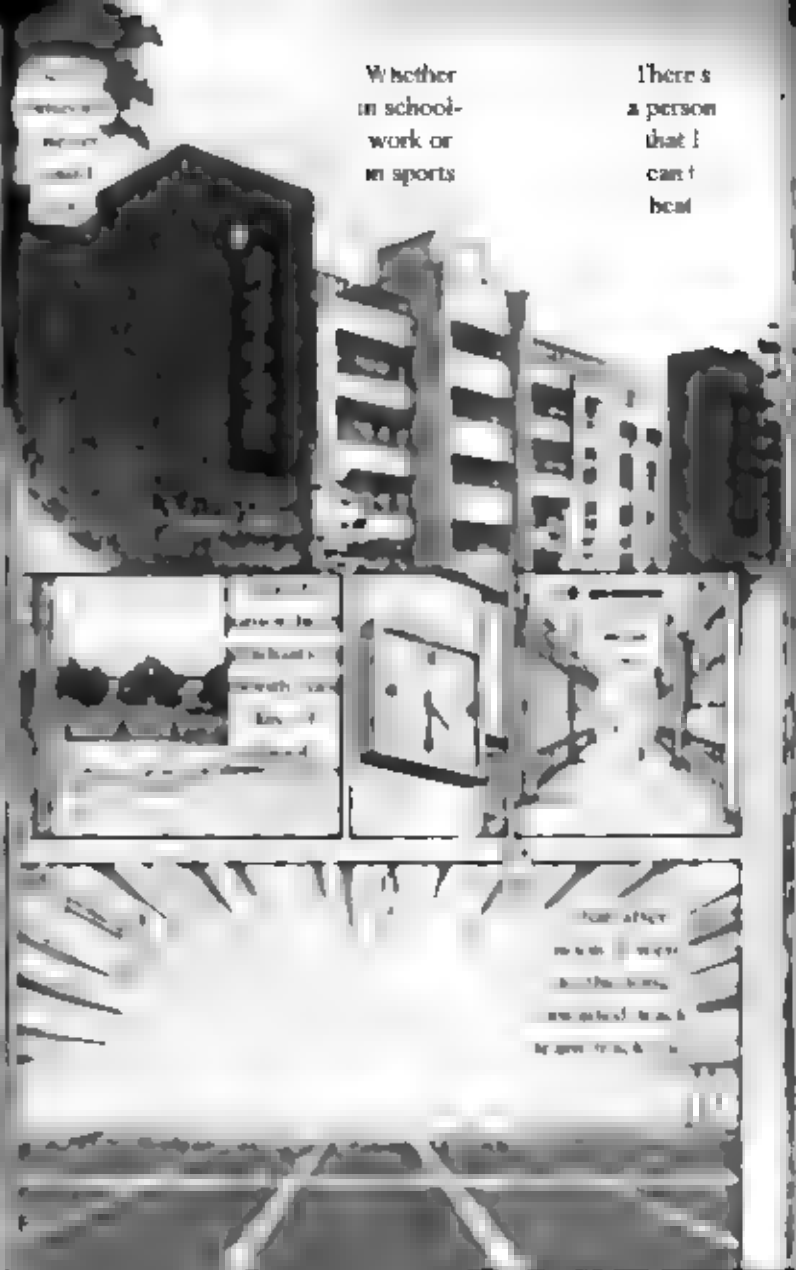
only
now



PART7

Graduation (1/3)



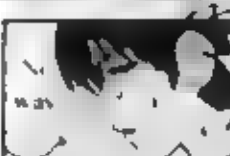


Whether
in school-
work or
in sports

There's
a person
that I
can't
beat



In the
official
race of
the Tsukuba
Marathon
I'm going to
beat you



You
better
watch
out



Oh Seki-
kichi
Don't be
so damned
strong



As long as I'm
around, you'll
always be
second best

You
have no
way of
winning
over
me

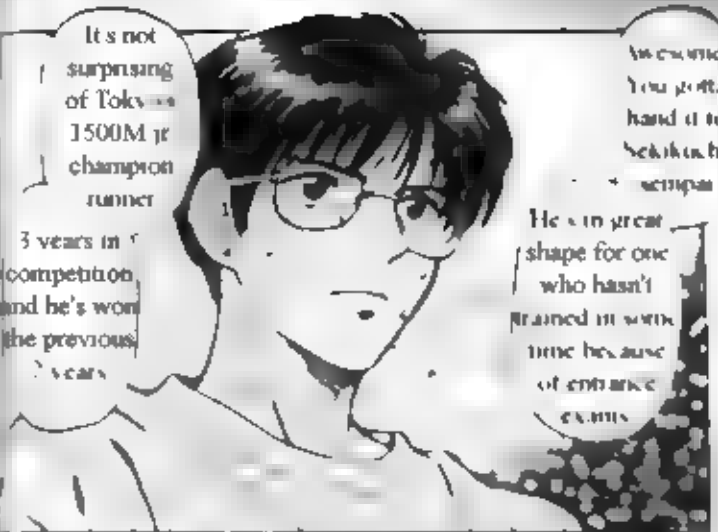


Heaven! At
this must be
our 1st time
to hear ab-

What
what is
this
Tsukuba
Marathon?



What
did you
say



It's not
surprising
of Tokyo's
1500M jr
champion
runner

3 years in
competition
and he's won
the previous
2 years

Awwwww
You gotta
hand it to
Seki-kichi
-sempai

He's in great
shape for one
who hasn't
trained in some
time because
of entrance
exams



If Seki-kichi-
sempai were
not around
I bet he'd be
Aon's best
runner

But
Kisaura-
sempai is
awesome
too

If only
Seki-kichi-
sempai
were not
around

He's always
neck-and-
neck with
Seki-kichi-
sempai in
all races



Hikawa Sacko'

I want to
win over him!
Win over
that bastard
Sekikuchi
Ietsushi

Ah
But



Kitsura
-scmpai
does have
something
over him
though



And it's
her! Your
girl
friend

even
if it is
true



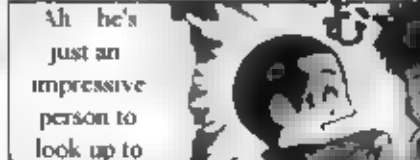
But still
it was
arrogant
for him
to say
that

Not only that,
his grades are
good and he's
popular with
the girls too.
Ooh-lala!

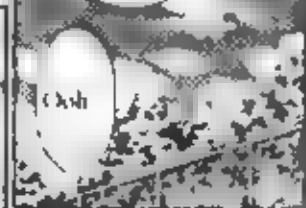


Every one
in the na-
tion know
about the
Running
Hope

Ah, he's
just an
impressive
person to
look up to



What do
you mean
by "Ooh-
lala" Sabu-
chan?



Ooh

The grad
class "Tsuka
Marathon" is
one of our
track team
traditions

All athletes
must enter
and it's held
every year
the day before
graduation

Whether
it be
school
or track
I've been compe-
ting with him for
3 years now, but
to be 2nd all this
time, it feels more
like 1000



This
really
rags
my
ash!





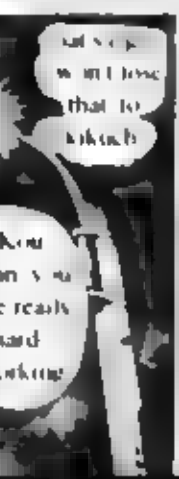
Time flies
doesn't it?
Just 10 more
days until
graduation.

You
know
you're
right.



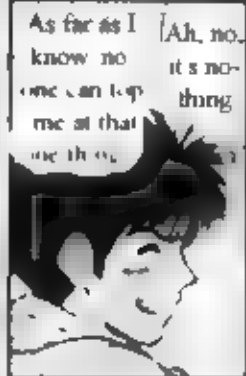
Ah, I
mean
my last
chance to
practise.

What
were
we
going to
be doing
then?



Let's see
what I lose
that to
Kakuch.

Kou
kun's
you
are really
hard
working.



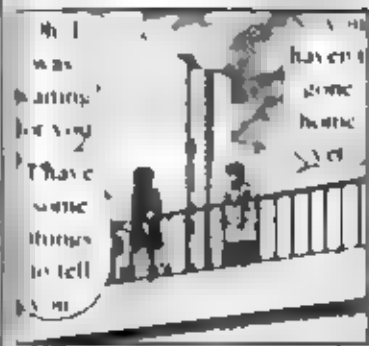
As far as I
know no
one can top
me at that
one though.

Ah, no,
it's no-
thing.



Then
about
what.

You know,
Sakura has
might ac-
tually be
right.



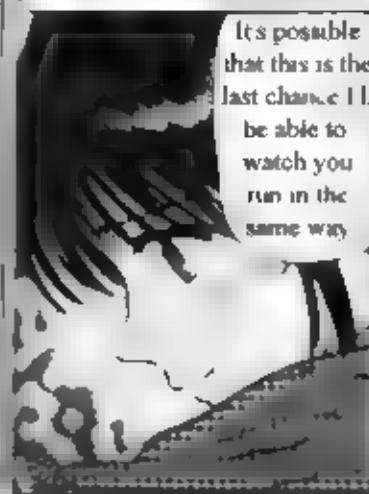
Oh I
was
waiting
for you.
I have
some
things
to tell
you.

I haven't
gone
home
yet.



Get
outta
here
Sakura
chan.

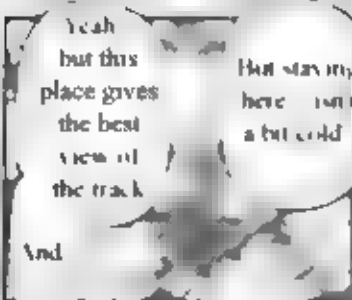
When
he puts
on the 2nd
year.



It's possible
that this is the
last chance I'll
be able to
watch you
run in the
same way.



Real
h.



Yeah
but this
place gives
the best
view of
the track.

But staying
here isn't
a bit cold.

And

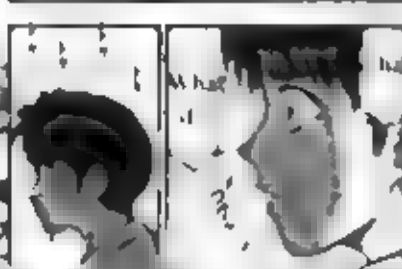
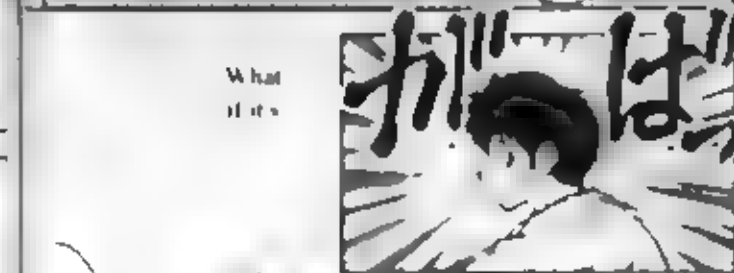
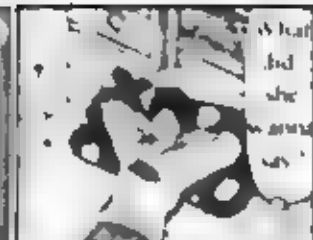
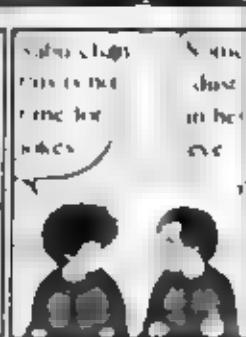


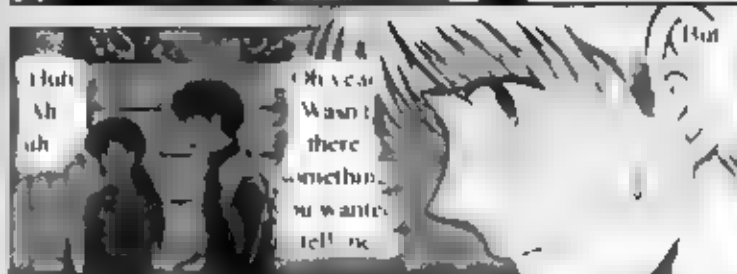
Sakura
chan



SALAD DAYS

Or you're just a supporting character
why was your face drawn so big





What is it that she wanted to say?

I really want to know



It's best not to say it today. Tomorrow may be...



If I can't trust her then who else can I trust?



That's right. There's never ever been any problems between us since we were together.

I really was just thinking of too much.



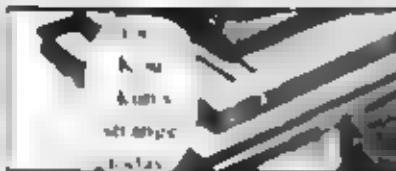
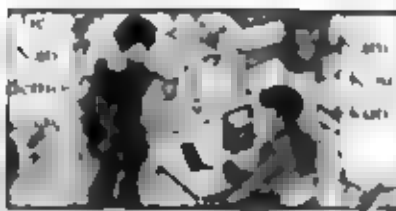
Kou-kun! Let's go home together!



The
Jury



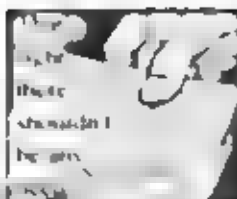
side. Her face
was held a clin
as to what she
wanted to tell the
man.



SALAD DAYS

I've fallen
in love with
Sekikuchi
Tetsushi

I'm sorry
I have to
apologize
because



We're already
at this level
there shouldn't
be any need



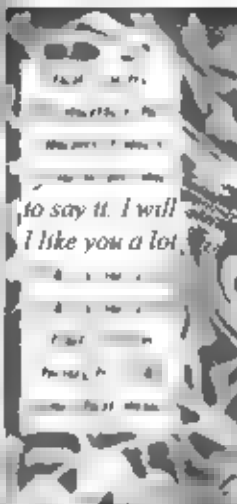
Can
this
be a
love
letter?



say good-
bye to you
As much
as I can



I like you,
I really do
like you



up these
days, is
all an act
and I real-
ly hate my-
self for it

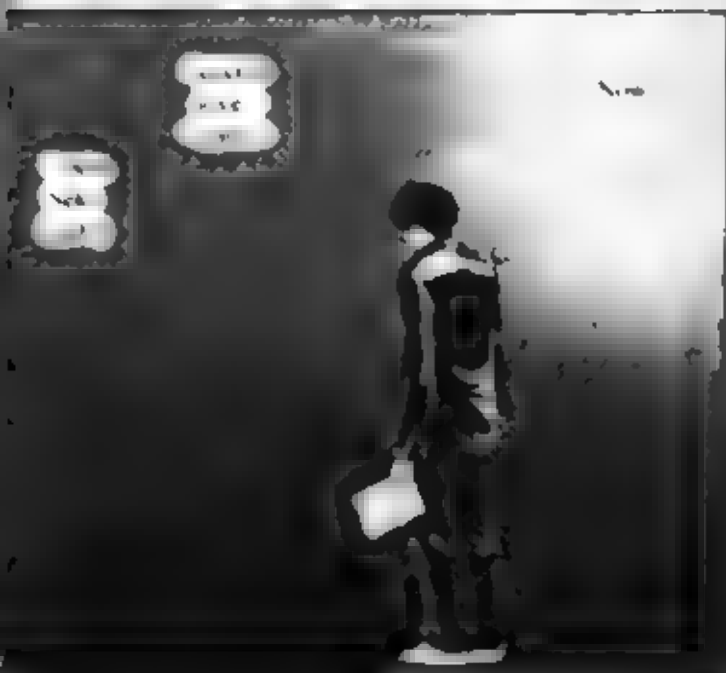


I really am
confused as
to what I
tell you this.
But, if I kept it
to myself, nothing
would happen
Right, nothing
would happen.

there's
a guy I
never
beat

Whether
in school-
work or in
sports

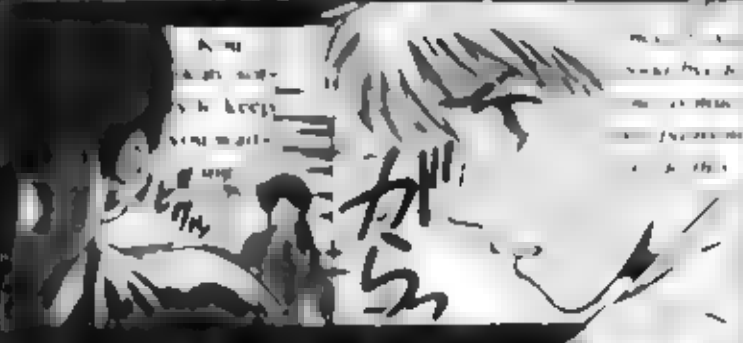
I have a
person
I can't
beat



PART8

Graduation (2/3)





You
still
will be
just
second
best



I've fallen
in love
with
Sacko-han
again

What
are
you
looking
at huh?



Sacko
Sacko-han
I want
another
face



Why



that
right
within
was
happy

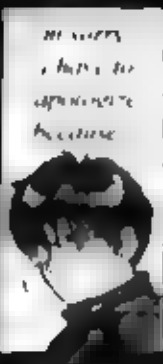
that
right
within
was
happy

that
right
within
was
happy



that's
why

The happy
face I put
on these
days is all
an act and
I really hate
myself for it



no more
I have to
apologize
because



I did not
though
I like
you that
much



No matter
how many
times you
want me to
be with
you I will
not I like
you a lot
I like you
a lot

I can
feel it in
the air

Today

Wh

Gradu-
ation
Ceremo-
nies

You
can
really
feel
that
it's al-
most

the
Touka
Marathon
is in
2 days

And

I n

Gradu-
ation
is in
3 days

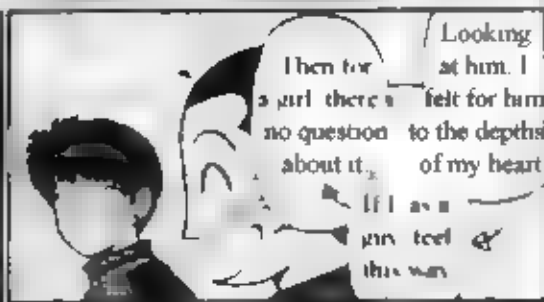
Why are
you still
keeping
this from
me

SALAD DAYS





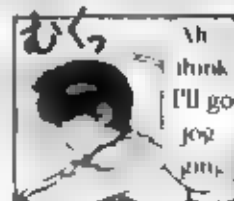
On a rainy day by the river Sekikuchi sempai held up an umbrella to shelter a bunch of stray cats



Looking at him, I felt for him to the depths of my heart. Then for a girl there's no question about it. If I as a girl feel like this way



thought those could only succeed in many ways can still fall for that



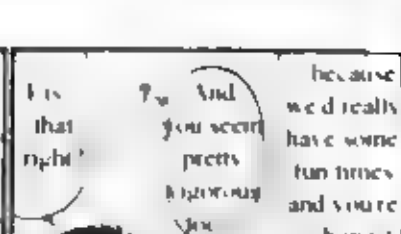
Ah think I'll go for you



But as a man you lack some traits



What can I say you're not a "gentleman"



It is that right?

And you seem pretty ignorant you

because we'd really have some fun times and you're so honest

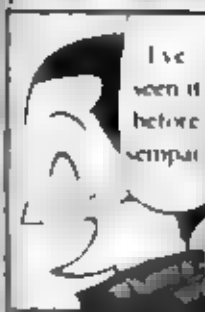


Because Sekikuchi sempai is very tender and loving

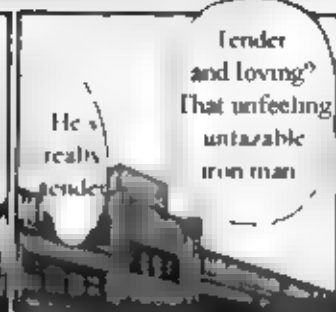


And most importantly

it seems during then definitely Sekikuchi sempai



I've seen it before sempai

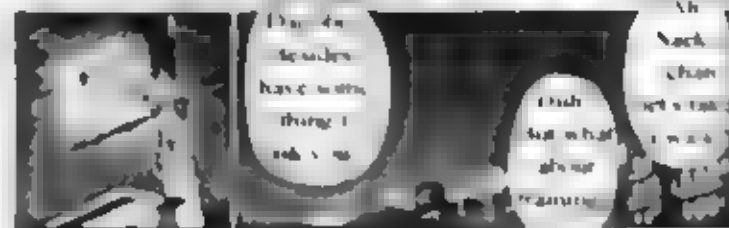


He's really tender

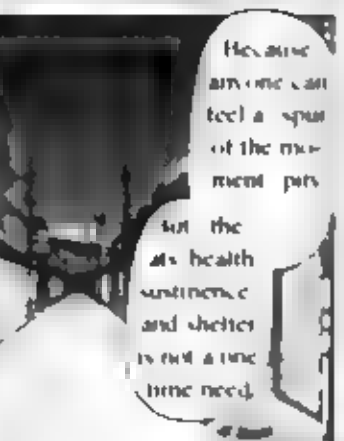
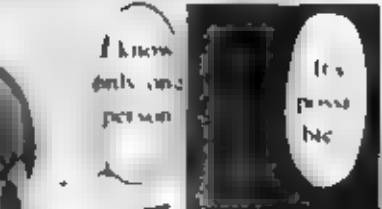
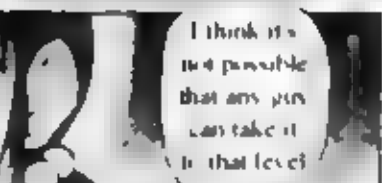
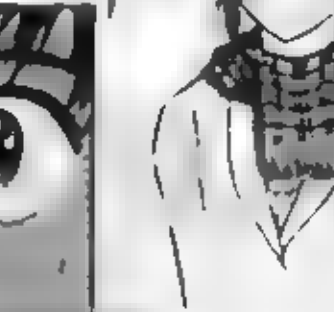
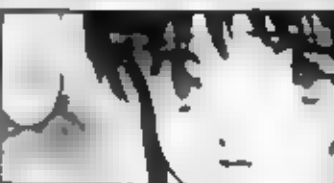
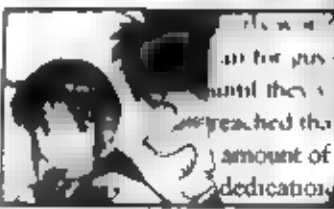
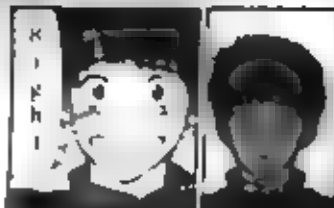
Tender and loving? That unfeeling untouchable iron man



SALAD DAYS■



SALAD DAYS



continually shelter them that's the kind of person girls can fall for

an for you until they reached the amount of dedication

I think it's not possible that any person can take it to that level

that has done that

I know only one person

It's possible

End

He said

this sort of sheltering that calls for the rain can't recognize a person as someone girls fall for

don't feel that

Someone that can

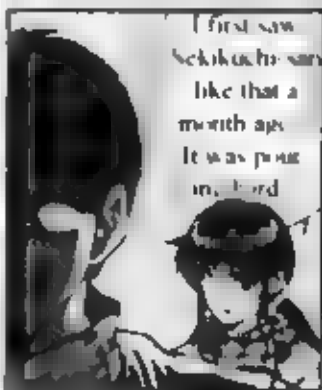
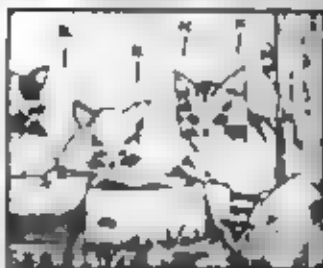
continually protect them

These problems will still re-appear

Because anyone can feel a spurt of the momentary

but the as health sustenance and shelter is not a one time need

SALAD DAYS

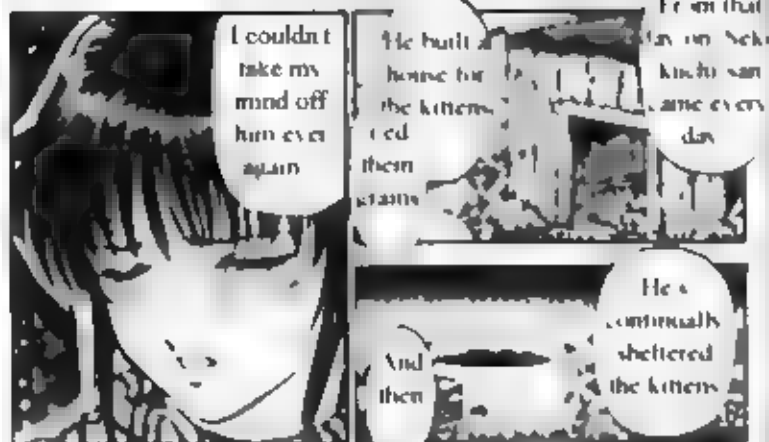
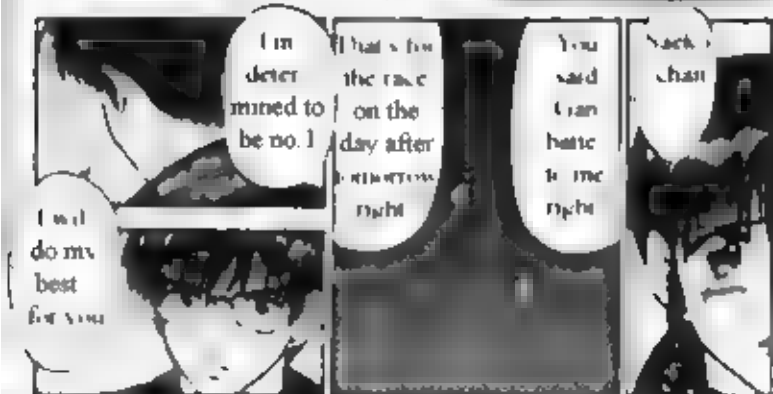


I first saw
Sekkiuchi-san
like that a
month ago.
It was pouring
hard.



He was
totally
drenched.





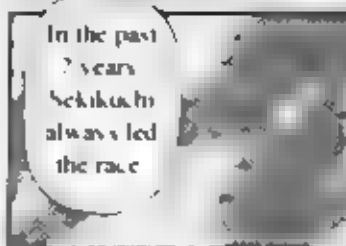


PART 9

Graduation (3,3)



SALAD DAYS



PART 9 Graduation (3/3)



at
for the
ice on
the day
after
an

Saku
chan
you said
can't battle
to me
right?

to be
second
best any
longer

I
don't
want

I will
do my
best
for you

am
deter-
mined
to be #1

Kou
kun

please

Kou
kun

Kou
kun

Yeah
I guess
we can
call him
that

That
means
Saku
chan
is dead

Sekikuchi
sempai will
weaken and
the final battle
is Kaitora
sempai

With Saku
chan only
breaking
Kaitora's
sempai's
headwind

This is
an endur-
ance
race

Is he that
desperate to
beat Seki-
kuchi
sempai?

Kaitora
sempai
would never
use such a
dishonorable
strategy

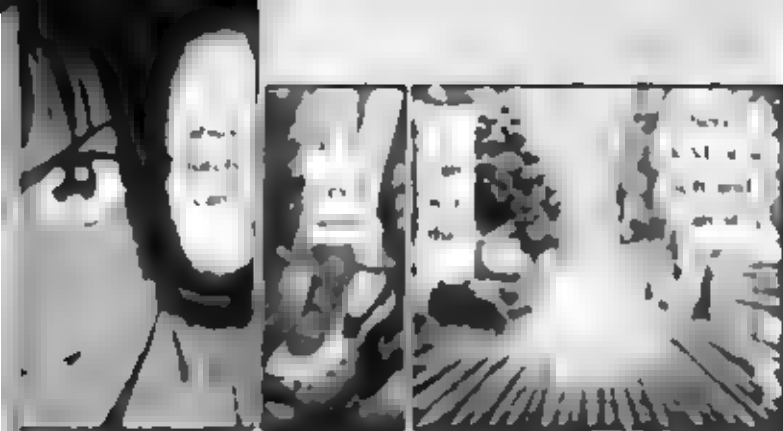
That's
so
cruel

I
don't
want
hear
any
more

Go home
Kou-
kun
I-I

Kou
kun

don't
want
I hear
what
you



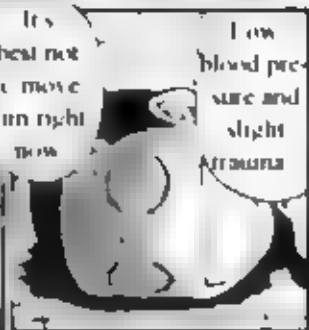


So you
are just
gonna
leave
him
there?

I leave the
guy that
sacrificed
for you with
out a second
look.



It's
best not
to move
him right
now.



Low
blood pre-
sure and
slight
fever.



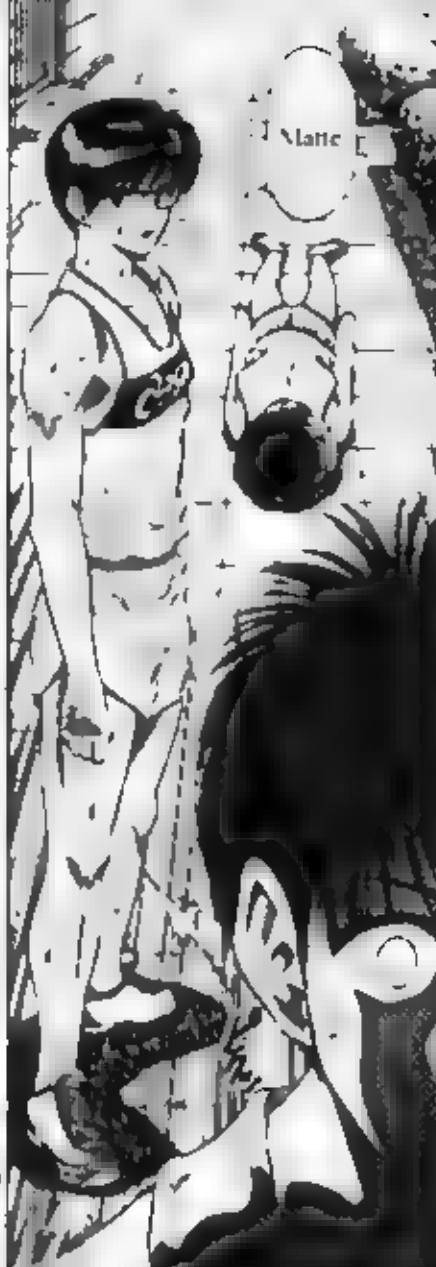
Did you
need to
win over
me that
badly.



Did you
really
have to
take it
this
far?



Natsu is
your
enemy.



Natsu



Natsu
cha

Chen

I really hate the person I've been these past 5 years

So I resorted to treating you badly as an outlet for my emotions

those didn't do nothing to quell the ache in my heart

So I tried to impress her indirectly by competing with you in sports and study

But

Yeah

I was the loser all this time you know

What are you saying I could you explain that to me

I'm

This is my

Such a pitiful creature like me you still think of as someone worthy of beating?

Ever since first year I've always liked her

in love with Hikawa Sacko

but

When in fact he's just like me

What that means

I thought he was some super confident you'd love to hate sorta guy

I've always been frustrated

But she already has you

That day...
was the
first time I
beat that
bastard
Sekikuchi

What
did you
mean
just now?

Oi,
Kita-
ura

Nani?

"Emo-
tional
loss"
...?

You're
not
making
any
sense...

It doesn't
concern
you...
No, wait,
actually,
it does...

Ah, how
unfortunate.
I'll never
be able to
know then

I'll tell
you about
it after
I win

What did
you say!?!
Sekikuchi!
You want
to start a
fight?!

If not, I
don't think
I can handle
the emotion-
al loss

I can't
afford
to lose

If only
just for
today, I
have to
win over
you



You're
sure
right?

Yeah,
daijobu
...

Are you
feeling
alright
now?

Your
vitals are
back to
normal
levels

You're
awake?
Sabu-
chan?



Ano
...

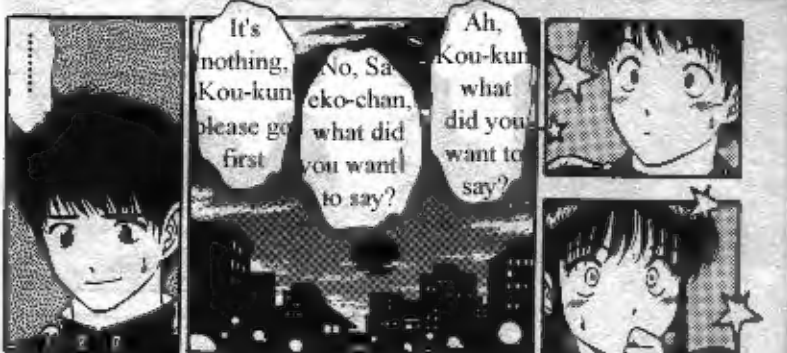


Ah,
ano
...

Alright,
Sekiku-
chi, let's
resume
the race!

Ah.





W
e
e
n
d

T
o
d
a
y

...nothing had
to be said be-
cause we knew
what we were
going to ask,
along with the
answers

But
really
...

...We didn't
have the
heart to
say any of
them aloud

Even though we
had a lot of
words left to say
and questions
unanswered...

After that we
didn't talk
about what
happened
again. We
just casually
walked the
rest of the way

Saeko-
chan

Kou-
kun...
Come...

Mm
...

Then
...

Tomor-
row...
is the
gradu-
ation
cere-
mony

Un
...

Mata-
ashi-
ta

Of course
we will! We're
going to the
same high
school after
all...

...
I'm
glad
...

We'll...still
see each
other after
graduation
right...?

Hm?

This could
be the last
time we walk
this road home
together...

Kou-
kun
...

Un, we
are
gradu-
ating
...

See
you at
school
...



And
then,
we
can
...

Then this
must be a
kind of
"graduation"
too...

If the end of
an era can be
called a
"graduation"



enter
a new
era of
love...



and cour-
ageously
explore
new pos-
sibilities
in this era

We
can
widen
our
hori-
zons
...

SALAD DAYS 第5回

下集待續